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In re application: Spector et al

For: "IMMOBILIZATION OF OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND PROTEINS IN SUGAR-CONTAINING HYDROGELS"

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